

Remarks

Claims 1-26 are in the application. Claims 1, 9, 17, and 24 are in independent form. Claims 24-26 are allowed. Claims 8, 14, 16, and 20-23 are objected to as being allowable claims that depend from rejected base claims. Reconsideration is requested.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 8 and intervening claim 3. Claims 3 and 8 have been cancelled. Independent claim 9 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 16 and intervening claim 11. Claims 11 and 16 have been cancelled. Independent claim 17 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 20 and intervening claim 19. Claims 19 and 20 have been cancelled. In addition, claims 12-15 and 21 have been amended to correctly depend from their respective amended base claims.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

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